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PORTERVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR PRODUCTION, RECEIPT, AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

FRESNO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a grand jury sitting in Fresno returned a three-count indictment against VICTOR ISRAEL MARTINEZ, 29, of Porterville, California, charging him with one count each of production, receipt or distribution, and possession of child pornography.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Fresno Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, specifically the Lindsay and Porterville Police Departments, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, and the Fresno office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on September 8, 2007, MARTINEZ knowingly used, persuaded, or coerced a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of the minor engaged in that conduct. The indictment also alleges that MARTINEZ knowingly received, possessed, and distributed images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct from approximately 2005 through September 8, 2007.

If convicted of these charges, MARTINEZ faces a maximum of 30 years in prison and a potential fine of \$250,000 and a potential lifetime term of supervised release. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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